

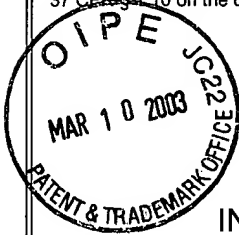
~~\$6~~ 1652

March 10, 2003

Date of Deposit

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Services "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR § 1.40 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

By: Nancy Foster
Nancy Foster



PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 4121.0116-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Holly H. HOGREFE et al.

Serial No.: 08/957,709

Filed: October 24, 1997

For: POLYMERASE ENHANCING
FACTOR (PEF) EXTRACTS, PEF
PROTEIN COMPLEXES, ISOLATED
PEF PROTEINS, AND METHODS
FOR PURIFYING AND
IDENTIFYING THEM

) Group Art Unit: 1652

) Examiner: D. Ramirez

RECEIVED

MAR 1 8 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants now respond to the Office Action dated October 8, 2002. The period for reply has been extended for two (2) months by the Petition for Two Month Extension of Time and extension fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 9, 16, and 96 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 17, 46, 59-66, 77-80, 85, and 95 to read as follows:

FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
202.408.4000
Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com